REMARKS

This amendment is in response to the Office Action mailed on September 21, 2004 wherein Claims 1-9 and 16 were allowed and Claims 10-15 were rejected. Claims 10-15 have been cancelled and Claims 1-9 and 16 remain pending.

Drawing Objections

On page 2 of the Office Action the drawings were object to by the Examiner. Applicants have reviewed the Examiner's objection and believe that the Examiner has misread steps 104 and 108. Step 104 has a ">" greater than sign and Step 108 has a"<" less than sign. There is no need for a modification to step 108 as the "<"sign eliminates the need for a "-" subtraction sign.

Claim Rejections Under 35 USC § 102 and 103

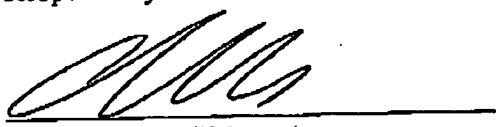
On page 2 of the Office Action, the Examiner rejected Claims 10, 11, and 15 under 35 USC §102 as being anticipated by McKay et al. On page 3 of the Office Action, the Examiner rejected Claims 12-14 under 35 USC §103 as being unpatentable over McKay et al. in view of Ament. Applicants have cancelled Claims 10-15.

Conclusion

The entire Office Action dated March 10, 2004 has been carefully reviewed, and this response is submitted as being fully responsive thereto. In view of the preceding remarks, Applicants respectfully submit that Claims 1-9 and 16 are in condition for allowance and respectfully request such action at the Examiner's earliest convenience. If the Examiner believes that personal contact would be advantageous to the disposition of this case, he is requested to call the undersigned at his earliest convenience.

If for some reason a fee needs to be paid, please charge Deposit Account No. 07-0960 for the fees, which may be due.

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